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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

25X1A6c SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Message #5927

1. On 17 February I visited Larry Houston and had him peruse subject message. Afterwards, I discussed with him the salient points in that message particularly paragraphs 2.A, B and C. Concerning a term of agreement, Larry Houston's view was that a two or three-year agreement generally would not be considered extraordinary; however, he realizes that availability of equipments and funds may be germane to the length of an agreement. He, therefore, suggested that it would be a good idea to have escape clauses in any such agreement such as "subject to availability of funds" and "subject to availability of equipment" included. Mr. Houston also was a little concerned about the formality of an "agreement" between ourselves and the

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[REDACTED] He was of the view that it might be a good idea for the [REDACTED] to keep the Ambassador apprised of developments and also solicit his views concerning the implications of the "agreement". He felt that the Ambassador might see some problems in formalizing an agreement that we do not see. Mr. Houston felt it might be a good idea at some stage if the Ambassador particularly recommended that any agreement be at least discussed with State. Mr. Houston mindful of the previous situation, i.e., whereby the original agreement not being signed, felt that if we could have our negotiation result in a Memorandum of Understanding, unsigned, that this would be the best way to go, if at all possible.

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2. It was pointed out to Mr. Houston that the subject message was just a preliminary result of preliminary discussions and that the [REDACTED] proposal ^{will} be received in the near future. I told him that we would coordinate with him and solicit his views on any final text that may be mutually agreed upon, and also that we would solicit his views on whatever coordination he felt necessary on such a paper either internal or external.

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